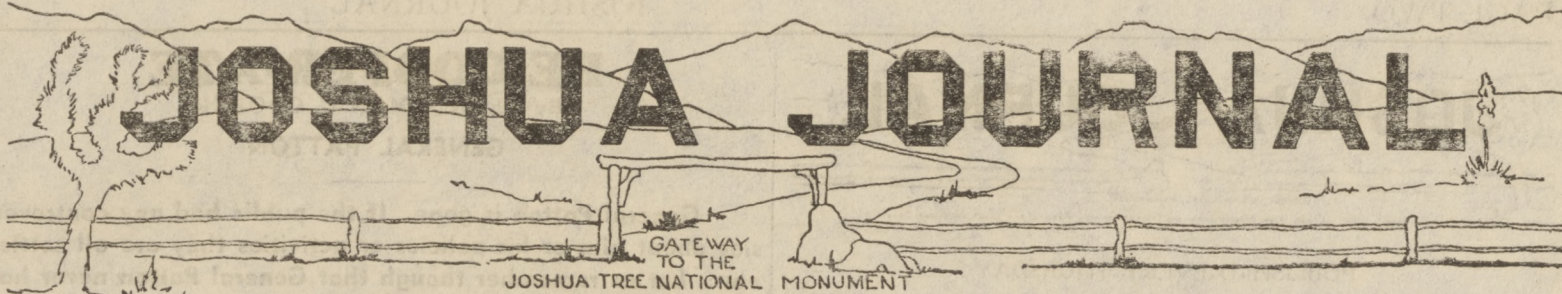


Watch Joshua Tree Grow

Population	251
Buildings under construction	44
Last week	42
Buildings started this week	3



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Real Progress Made In 1945

AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL COMMANDER TO VISIT SO. CAL.

FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT JAN. 4

National Commander of the American Legion John Stelle, on his first official visit to the West Coast following his election in Chicago in November, will be the guest of the Los Angeles County Council of the American Legion at their next regular monthly meeting which will be held at the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium on January 4, 1946 at 8 p. m.

Commander Irvin R. "Bob" Snyder and Adjutant Homer L. Chaillaux of the Department of California are also expected to be present at this meeting.

Commander Stelle's address to the Legionnaires of Los Angeles County will highlight the meeting.

Horn, Commander urging delegations and colors on hand promptly for that occasion.

During his inspection of the Veterans Hospitals in Southern California, Commander Stelle will be an official guest of the Tournament of Roses in Pasadena on New Year's Day, and later will visit Hollywood Legion Post No. 43, and motion picture studios. Stelle is a former governor of the State of Illinois.

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MARINE HERO HOME FOR XMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pfeiffer are really happy this Christmas because their son, Burgess Leo Pfeiffer is home to help them celebrate.

Burgess has just been discharged from the U. S. Marine Corps after spending several months in the Naval Hospital at Dallas, Texas, recovering from wounds received at Okinawa. He was also at Tarawa, going ashore with the third wave of Marines.

He wears ribbons for the American Theatre of War, European - African - Mideastern, Asiatic Pacific, with 2 stars, American Service Defense 1 star, Order of Purple Heart, Victory Medal, 1 star, Good Conduct Medal, and the Presidential Citation, 1 star.

Pfeiffer expects to stay here on the desert with his parents until September, when he plans to enroll in Mechanical engineering at Harvard University.

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SPEND XMAS HERE

H. G. Schroeder, auditor of the Townsite Company in the Los Angeles office spent the Christmas holiday on the desert.

Recent Bride



Betty (Boots) Al Reeves and A.M.M.3/c Bill E. Turner, U.S.N., were married at Inglewood Wednesday, November 21, by Dr. John Grey Ross, pastor of the First Methodist Church.

The bride's gown was of white satin, with a veil of white silk net and train 6 yards long, and carried a white satin prayer book.

Maid of honor was Mrs. Terry Smith, sister of the bride, and she wore a pink net formal, and carried a bouquet of yellow rosebuds and gardenias. Bridesmaids were six former school friends, dressed in pastel formals. The bride was given by her uncle, W. W. Laughlin.

After the ceremony at the church, a reception was held at the home of Doris Pickard, 10517 Budlong Avenue, Los Angeles. Many lovely gifts were received.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Turner of Coalsville, Tennessee, and the newlyweds expect to visit the parents as soon as he is discharged from the Navy, which will probably be very soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner expect eventually to make Joshua Tree their home.

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JOSHUA TREE HOTEL

V. C. Mack has sold his Motel fronting on the Twentynine Palms hiway to Tom Smith and Associates of Yucca Valley.

It is said the new owners intend to remodel and revise the arrangement of the structure, and refurnish it thruout.

They are calling their place the Joshua Tree Hotel and are open for business pending remodeling operations.

Development Justifies Slogan "The Fastest Growing Area Of The Great American Desert"

The Year In Review

With the year 1945 drawing to a close the pioneers of Joshua Tree can look back with pride upon what they have accomplished.

With the war in full swing, priorities on everything, and not much in the way of needed materials obtainable, even with the coveted priority order, this new desert town greeted the new year, 1945, with little more than a lot of good old fashioned pioneer determination and optimism.

There were about 15 buildings of all descriptions and probably 60 people. Groceries were obtainable at the little Standard Service Station on a cash and carry basis; that is Chester Bunker bought the groceries for cash wherever he could get them and carried them out here to the residents.

There were no restaurants or stores of any description except the gas station. Guests of the Townsite Company were fed at the Coulter Guest House by the housekeeper employed by Mr. Bunker. The cement block plant was the only industry and the principal source of building material. There you have a pretty good picture of Joshua Tree January 1st, 1945.

From that humble beginning the year has brot forth such development as to thoroly justify the slogan "THE FASTEST GROWING AREA IN THE GREAT AMERICAN DESERT."

Early in the year a cement block building was completed in which to house a grocery store and restaurant, both of which were promptly started and did a flourishing business.

There is now a grocery store, hardware and variety store, 2 restaurants, a garage and repair shop, a lumber and building supply yard now under construction, numerous guest

houses and a small hotel just opened.

At the beginning of the year there were no licensed contractors and very little labor available. Now we can boast 3 general contractors, 1 cement contracting company, 1 electrician and 1 painting contractor. There is an adequate supply of mechanics and labor available, but no surplus. We have an architectural designer, surveyors and a grading contractor.

There are approximately 125 completed buildings with more than 40 under construction and the population now numbers at least 250.

The Townsite Company has added 7 new additions to the original townsite, paved 4 miles of streets and laid 14,000 feet of 4 inch water main. The Joshua Tree Service Co., owners of the water system have added a 53,000 gallon tank and have another of the same capacity projected.

The Chamber of Commerce, with 26 members at the beginning of the year, now has 96 members.

The Woman's Club began with 19 members in September, 1944, but held their charter open until October of this year and closed it with 91 members. Several have been added since that time.

Yea, verily, this little desert town, situated in the "Most Livable Spot in America," has shown the world, war torn, and topsy-turvy with unrest, what determination and the old pioneering spirit can do under seemingly unsurmountable handicaps.

Goodbye 1945 — Welcome 1946, with your promise of peace, happiness and progress, Joshua Tree will have passed its infant stage when it is time to bid you farewell.

OLD FRIENDS GET TOGETHER HERE

Vacationing at "Halem" this week are Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hale and granddaughter. With them are Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. Magee, of Barview, Coos Bay, Ore., who have come to spend several months. Of interest is the friendship of more than 70 years between Mrs. Hale's family—the Dunhams, and the Magee family. Their fathers were sea captains, at times away on long trips together while their mothers were very close friends at home looking after the family.

Mr. Magee also has had sea faring experience but has been

more interested in building ships and homes. During the war he was in charge of hull construction on Coos Bay, and Mrs. Magee says one of the thrills of a life time was the christening of one of his ships as it went down the ways.

Other friends the Magees expect to visit are Mrs. A. C. Vestal, their former next door neighbor, who is now a permanent resident of Twentynine Palms, and Mrs. O. F. Knox, another close Barview neighbor, who has been vacationing at Twentynine Palms the last month.

"K" FIELD AIRPORT AND FLYING SCHOOL

GLIDER SCHOOL COMING FROM SAN DIEGO

Joshua Tree is to be on the air map of Southern California and "K" field, four miles east of town on the Sun Valley road is beginning to hum with activity.

H. W. Putnam and Paul Tuntland, both of whom were pilots in the A.T.C., are out of the service and together with Wally Neugent, a flying instructor, have announced they are ready to enroll flying students, give sightseeing flights, and charter trips to Los Angeles and other points.

"K" field runways are large enough to accommodate the smaller variety of two motored planes and all sport type ships.

The field has already been used for overnight stops by planes in transit to other points. Howard Sevedy, flying a Taylorcraft to Worthington, Minnesota, landed for the night, last week. Sevedy operates a flying school at the Municipal Airport in Worthington.

It has also been announced that Ray Parker, former Chief Instructor of the Glider School at Twentynine Palms, before the war, is moving his California Soaring School from San Diego to K field and the Dry Lake bed.

He is bringing three gliders and a tow plane at first and expects to add more gliders later. Gliders will be launched either by power winch or from the tow plane.

Putnam and Tuntland say they expect to see their field used extensively by private planes, whose owners want to spend a few days on the desert and take advantage of the ideal flying conditions existing here.

Two Joshua Tree boys have already enrolled for flying instructions in the new Piper Cub. They are Pat Wiser and Kenney Weston.

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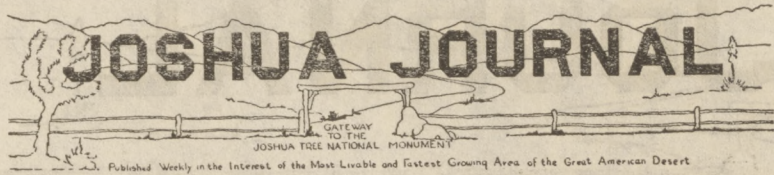
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Happy New Year !

Before we again go to press, 1945 with its war months, bloodshed, tears, destruction, strikes, and unrest will have passed on—gone—but perhaps never to be forgotten by many now living.

The New Year, 1946 will be with us. The future can be bright if our people will look ahead, not back; if labor and industry will get together and settle their differences; if our diplomats and politicians will forget, power politics, special privileges and greed.

None of the differences that seem to be stymieing peace negotiations at home and abroad are insurmountable if that great precept—"Do unto others, etc."—could be made the "guidon" for the settlement of all differences.

If management, bullheadedly determined to have its way could only step over into the ranks of labor and get labor's point of view and then labor, just as bullheaded in their determination, would step over into management's position and get that point and the two apply the Golden Rule, I'm sure a settlement would be reached in jig time.

I'm positive if the diplomats of each nation now negotiating our peace were instructed to ask for nothing their nation would not be willing to give another, we would have peace over night and it would be a lasting peace.

There can be neither peace nor prosperity so long as men insist upon having an advantage over the other fellow, so long as nations insist upon power and domineering control over other nations for the exploitation of commercial advantage.

Let us hope and pray that the New Year will, early, bring forth a settlement of all these problems. Let's have a true prosperity, founded on Justice. Lasting Peace will follow as "the night, the day."

Let us have a HAPPY NEW YEAR, a PEACEFUL 1946.

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RE-COOPER-ATE

By DR. NORMAN C. COOPER

GENERAL PATTON

General Patton is gone. If the public had any controversies about him or his policies or activities they are all settled now. Let us remember though that General Patton never had any controversies about himself or his policies or his activities. He was never wavering about his decisions. His mind was always resolute and made up in advance. There were very few

problems that confronted him; but what he had already thought through many many times and was ready with the answer at the drop of a hat. He came by this through years and years of self discipline both mentally and physically, and with his background of military training from the age of 12 years, nurtured and trained his intellect to obey him instantly. He had practiced since a boy at the Virginia Military Institute until his body obeyed his mind automatically. What his mind could think his muscles could put in to action. We would like to see all men train and discipline themselves until they could achieve this end. An accomplishment of this sort can be used in other walks of life other than the military. Men and women the world over could use this sort of discipline to produce a better environment and eventually a better world and would be much better fitted to rear children who had backbone, integrity, decision, and sticktuitiveness.

General George Patton was California's own. He was born in San Gabriel, California, maintained his home there, and worshipped there at the community church. He early became a man of the world and the state of California, as large as it is, could no longer hold him or claim him. He was a hero of both World War I and World War II. He knew considerably more about war than the rest of us who were many times too quick to criticize him. He slapped a soldier boy it is reported. I don't care whether he did or didn't—and the boy's father said he didn't either as there was a war on and it had to be won and General Patton seemed to be doing it. He swam a river under enemy fire and waved his boys on to follow. He swore in a church once, too. He was born of wealth, had plenty of money of his own, and never drew any salary at all for his services in World War II. He entered Virginia Military Institute at 12 years of age starting a 48 year period of continuous military service, ending when he was 60 with a broken neck from a collision with an army truck near Mannheim, Germany months

after the war had closed. He openly dared many dangerous feats during two wars only to get killed in an accident after he had gotten everything "quiet on the western front." He was an Aide to General Pershing in the war with Mexico in 1916 dueling with Mexican leaders. He ripped through Africa in World War II and changed the Allied army from a losing one to a winning one. He ripped through Sicily and on into Italy, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and then into

*Germany and on into Austria. He was the first to break the Normandy beach head and paved the whole way for the winning of the Battle of Europe. His life was the product of intelligence, discipline, determination, and resolution. If he built his life that way more of us can build our lives that way, too.

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COUNTY LIBRARY SAYS

The library is now subscribing to what is probably the youngest newspaper in the county. The Joshua Journal, about four months old, gives not only news of the fast growing community of Joshua Tree, but also news of our branch library there in the Becker Variety store. Nearly every week we find an item, sometimes a book review, sometimes a note about circulation or reader interests. From San Bernardino County Library Newsletter.

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WHAT ABOUT RUSSIA AND HER AIMS?

GENERAL MARSHALL'S JOB IN CHINA

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(Continued from Last Week)

That's all very fine. Now what are the results to date: Right away it looks as if Russia sold Poland down the river. The righteous banner of a free Poland under which England and the United States rushed into war has been trampled in the bloody dust by Joe. Even some of the paragraphs of the Atlantic charter seem pretty well submerged. He blocked the peace treaty of Italy on one pretense or another. Then there's Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania, practically enslaved lands yet, with Russian made and Russian dominated Government.

Yes, all over Asia and deep into Europe Stalin's iron hand is now felt. All this is quite the contrary to the old pledges given out so gloriously at the Yalta conference about the "free people living untouched by tyranny," and again re-inforced at Teheran.

At the moment Russia has 75,000 troops in Iran, a proud country that would much prefer to restore its own disorder; and to be left alone. Stalin sees oil there. At least the Americans and English are pulling out their forces.

Russia has refused to with-

draw her troops from Manchuria. Here in this beak, cold land, but rich in natural wealth are all the makings of a warlike clash with democratic China, communistic China, Japan and Russia, all marching their forces here and there while our U. S. marines, we hope, only look on.

Yes, Russia is a puzzle. Don't under estimate Russia, however, just because she is an enigma. Russia has huge industries. They design good tanks, good planes, good artillery. She probably is in the near forefront on scientific development and research—yes, I would hazard a guess, even progressing fast on the atomic bomb development. They have huge resources and millions of people. She can be a very good friend or a powerfully danger-

BREEZING AROUND

By Maude A. Fox

Speaking of orchids — Mr. and Mrs. Algot Lang came over Sunday afternoon to see the flower spike on our orchid — which by the way is the Cymbidium type. Mr. and Mrs. Lang have traveled all over the world and of course have seen hundreds of orchids growing wild. Their experiences with these beautiful flowers are so interesting and varied, your scribe will pass them on to you. While living in the Philippines they heard so often about the very rare type of "Vanda" or as the natives call it the "Walling-walling," but in three years' residence there they had never seen one. People would say "You will never find the Vanda, it is too rare." One day when Mr. Lang took his Filipino workmen to the mahogany forests Mrs. Lang jokingly asked the natives to bring her back a "Walling-walling." When they returned they brought two orchids. They

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ous, tough enemy.

Keep your eyes and ears on General George C. Marshall when he gets to China. Marshall knows war, and it's a diplomatic warlike job over there now.

Let Uncle Sam keep his powder dry, keep his atom bomb his own business, maintain a strong army, navy and air corps, and—exercise lots of patience.

SPENDING WINTER HERE

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Tonkin of Lomita, California, where they have lived for 26 years, arriv-

ed last Friday to spend the winter here.

They have taken up residence in the Roy M. Pardon home in Yucca Valley.



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By DR. NORMAN C. COOPER, A. B., M. A., Ph. D.

PERSONALITY AND INTELLIGENCE (Continued)

Age, 12 years: Repeats 5 digits reversed as, 8-1-3-7-9. 6-9-5-8-2. 5-2-9-4-1. Gives the meaning of abstract words as, Constant. Courage. Charity. Defend.

Age, 13 years: Remembers words in order with no omission, "Cow, sand, glass, chair, bell." "Grace, truth, worth, peace, doubt." Rearranges dissected sentences in one minute of time each, FOR THE START-ED AN WE COUNTRY EARLY AT HOUR. TO ASKED PAPER ML TEACHER CORRECT I MY.

Age, 14 years: Knows 16 words in the standard vocabulary list, (8 were given in above tests) scorch, muzzle, haste, lecture, Mars, skill, juggler, brunette. Is able to work problem in ingenuity in 3 minutes without pencil and paper. "A mother sent her boy to the river to bring back exactly 3 pints of water. She gave him a 7-pint can and a 4-pint can. Show me how the boy can measure out exactly 3 pints of water using nothing but these two cans and not guessing at the amount. You should begin by filling the 7-pint can first. Remember, you have a 7-pint can and a 4-pint can and you must bring back exactly 3 pints of water."

Average adult: In addition to the 16 words above in the standard vocabulary he can answer in addition for, peculiarity, priceless, regard, disproportionate. Can give the differences between abstract words as, "Laziness and idleness?" "Poverty and misery?" "Character and reputation?" Remembers sentence without error, "The red-headed woodpeckers made a terrible fuss as they tried to drive the young away from the nest."

Superior adult I: Gives the former 20 words of the vocabulary list with three others shrewd, tolerate, slave. Repeats 6 digits reversed as 4-7-1-9-5-2. 5-8-3-6-9-4. 7-5-2-6-1-8. Can tell the principal way in which the following are alike, Farming and Manufacturing; Melting and burning; An egg and a seed.

Superior adult II: Repeats 8 digits just as given, 7-2-5-9-4-8-3-6. 4-7-1-5-3-9-6-2. 4-1-9-3-5-8-2-6. Can tell in what way the following are alike, Heavy and light; Tall and short; Sick and well; More and less; Outside and inside; Asleep and awake. Scores 23 of the above standard vocabulary words and 3 additional ones as, lotus, bewail, repose.

Superior adult III: Scores 26 of the above standard vocabulary words with 4 additional ones as, mosaic, flaunt, philanthropy, ochre. Gives opposite analogies as, "A rabbit is timid; a lion is . . ." "The pine tree is evergreen; the poplar is . . ." "A debt is a liability; an income is . . ." Repeats 9 digits just as they are given as, 5-9-6-1-3-8-2-7-4. 9-2-5-8-4-1-7-3-6. 4-7-2-9-1-6-8-5-3.

This completes the representative tests of the scale from the 2-year mental age to the superior adult. Remember in the regular scale there are 6 or 7 tests in each age level. Not all of them are given here. But you may sit down now and try these out on yourself and try them on your neighbor if you can coax him into it.

WALTER KERR HOME

Walter J. Kerr, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Kerr, is home from the Service and brot his bride home with him.

Walter enlisted in the Marine Corps October 13, 1941, and spent 23 months over seas, during which time he saw action in the Bougainville and Empress Augusta Bay campaigns. He was discharged October 23, 1945, with the rank of Corporal.

He was married to Ruth Buchridge August 25 in Seattle, Washington.

After a short stay at home,

Honeymoon Extended



—Photo by Harlow Jones

RETURN TO BOSTON WHERE THEY MET

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell (Sylvia June Pfeiffer) who were married here in a big public wedding, November 17, are spending their extended honeymoon in Boston where they first met.

The young couple first returned to Prince Edward Island, where Robert is stationed with the R.A.F.C., and were granted an extension of Robert's leave.

The Ice Capades show of which Mrs. Birch was formerly one of the stars, always shows in Boston during the Christmas Holidays, and it was there that Sylvia and Robert met and they wanted to spend their extended time with the show.

Mr. Birch expects to be discharged about March 15, after which the young people will return to Joshua Tree to go into business here.

he expects to take advantage of the Government's educational program for returned veterans and enroll in college, probably Cal. Tech.

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PLANTS THAT GROW ON THE DESERT

By MAUDE A. FOX

ROSES

Roses have proved themselves as a good growing plant on the desert. There were a few planted here last spring and all are healthy looking now and had an abundance of blooms on them all through the year. Mr. and Mrs. George Dickinson had roses through all of the blooming season. We also have them — even those the cow chewed up. We find that one which does very well here

is the Picture Rose. It is a tiny bloom but very exquisite, and deep pink in color. Then there is the Hadley, and the Heindrich Gaede, and any of the Polyanthus roses. They grow in clusters and are lovely for cut flowers, and do exceptionally well here. Plant in leaf mould and use plenty of barnyard fertilizer. Why not have a Rose Garden here as well as Los Angeles? They will do almost as well here; try it and see.

WILL ROGERS LECTURE TOPIC NEXT SUNDAY

"Will Rogers" will be the subject of Dr. Norman Cooper's closing lecture Sunday, December 30, at the Desertaire Lodge. This will be the last lecture of the present series.

MRS. LAFFERTY HOME

Mrs. Sam Lafferty and son, Charles, returned Sunday night from Sweetwater, Texas where they were visiting relatives. Mrs. Lafferty's father underwent a serious operation and she went to Texas especially to be with him at that time.

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Commander F. G. Bush and Mrs. Bush, formerly of Seattle, Washington, purchased the Hardin property, consisting of five acres with cabin, in Yucca Valley several weeks ago. Commander Bush, with the U. S. Merchant Marines, for 15 years, had turned to other work, but at the bombing of Pearl Harbor he returned to active duty with the Merchant Service. Formerly chief engineer, Commander Bush was promoted in rank during World War II, to the rank of Commander.

His brother-in-law, Sol H. Staggers of Bakersfield, arrived about 2 weeks ago to drill a water well for the Bush family. Mr. Staggers, who was for 26 years an oil well driller for Standard of California, returned in January, 1941 from Saudi-Arabia after 3 years oil well drilling there and later retired. He likes Yucca Valley very well and plans to buy acreage nearby and erect a home.

Mrs. Staggers, at present in Bakersfield, may be down for a visit after the holidays. Commander and Mrs. Bush spent Tuesday of this week in Los Angeles on business.

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XMAS PARTY

Gifts, fruits and candy were received by every child in the valleys, from Morongo to Coyote Well last Saturday at the Yucca Valley School.

An appropriate Christmas program was presented, with many of the school age children participating. Santa Claus had visited the night before, leaving all his presents which were given out by members of the sponsoring clubs, Yucca Valley Woman's Club, American Legion Post No. 469, Morongo Social Club and Joshua Tree Woman's Club.

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Mr. Ira L. Benton of Los Angeles arrived December 11th, accompanied by Mr. John L. Redden of Redlands. Mr. Redden, owner with his sons Grant and Roy of considerable acreage, homesteaded 320 acres about 25 years ago and they have sold several small tracts in recent years to newcomers here in the Valley, most of whom have built homes.

Mr. Benton, owner of Zephyr Lodge, located about 1 1/2 miles

*southwest of Hardesty's Yucca Valley store, will be joined later this week by his wife and family for a gala turkey dinner on Christmas Day. Several friends will enjoy it with them. Zephyr Lodge was built in the early part of 1945.

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Mr. and Mrs. James De Jersey and son Jimmy of Yucaipa arrived Saturday at their "Valley View" ranch for the holidays. Dinner guests Sunday evening included Mr. and Mrs. "Doc" Ater and Mr. Ben Norton. Mr. De Jersey recently opened a machine shop in Yucaipa.

...Enjoying Christmas dinner at Zephyr Lodge, the Benton home were Mrs. Benton and daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Moorhead and Mrs. Mary Musson of Garnet Valley entertained Mr. H. O. Smuckal, Louis Burson and his mother and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stuart at a turkey dinner on Christmas day.

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SERVICE MEN HOME

Two Service men Sgt. Dick Harman and Sgt. Mel Irvine are spending their furlough with parents in Twentynine Palms.

Sgt. Harman spent 2 years with the 9th Air Corps, and has recently been discharged. He is to make his home in Twentynine Palms.

Sgt. Irvine of the Marine Corps was in every Naval operation in the Pacific that his outfit participated in. He is home on a 30 day furlough now and has 1 year remaining to serve before his re-enlistment will end.

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VOTERS REGISTER

Voters are urged to register with Mary Burton at the Townsite Office.

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By THE PACK RAT

NEW YEAR

About this time every year, I make a resolution, And give the past a parting tear, So gaining absolution.

For all the vows, that I have made, How often I have wept, Through mortal weakness I'm afraid No single one I've kept.

So when the New Year rolls around, With Remorse I view the past, My sinful nature knows I'm bound To weaken just as fast.

O. D. T.

Me Too—the P.R.

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1946 AUTO TAGS

It will soon be time for motorists to apply for their 1946 License plates, and attention of Joshua Tree people is called to the fact that they should County needs all the credit and license money due us for road building. We need our share in this section, also, so be sure to be sure to write SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY in their address on the application.

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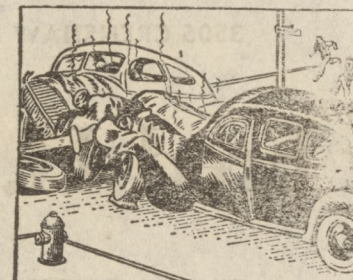
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Breezing Around

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looked just like any others, however they were planted and put on the front porch.

When the season for blooming arrived the orchids sent out buds—and they looked just like any other orchid buds. For eight weeks Mrs. Lang watched these buds grow. Finally the buds took on very large proportions and turned almost black. Mrs. Lang shook her head as she thought it could not be the coveted orchid. But when the magnificent thing burst into bloom with its purple top petals, cinnamon-brown tassel, and black-velvet raised veins across it she knew her long vigil had been rewarded, for here was a "Wall-ing-walling."

Mr. Lang took many photographs of the orchids from these two plants and has the original orchids pressed. When the Langs have their things shipped out here from New York, I am sure he will let Joshua Tree folks see these specimens and photographs. Mr. and Mrs. Lang have seen orchids growing in Burma, in Shanghai, and in all parts of South America. They traveled up and down the Amazon and saw more orchids than your scribe has ever seen. Maybe some time I will tell you some more of the Langs and their interesting travels.

Many Joshua Tree folks are happy this Christmas with their sons from overseas coming home for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Lehnbauers' son Johnnie

and wife are here and plan to stay. Ella Mell, their daughter is also here from Ventura for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Pfeiffer are fairly going around in circles they are so happy to have their son Lee home for the holidays. We saw the Coulter boys, Billy and Bobby seeing the sights of the town with their Dad over the holidays.

The "Duck Pond" in front of Rices should be a mecca for wild duck this season. We are looking forward to roast Mallard before long.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson and son spent Christmas with Mr. Wilson's parents in Los Angeles. Lowell Thomas en-

joyed the holidays with his brother and family and his parents. Mrs. Elsie Iverson is another who spent the holidays away from Joshua Tree, going to her daughters in Long Beach

The Joshua Tree Woman's club Christmas party was in every way a success. With Mrs. Jeff Overbay presiding, a short business meeting was held before the party. It was announced that Dr. Anna Stewart had resigned as president on account of illness. Mrs. Overbay being vice-president, will fill the chair as president for the rest of the year. A letter was read from Mrs. Alice Martin resigning as curator on ac-

count of moving to Banning. The party started out with songs by Opal Bobo with Norma Campbell at the piano. From then on the group present sang Christmas carols until the gifts were distributed by Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. Lehnbauer. Numbers were drawn, and it was a heap of fun unwrapping your package, and

then looking to see what your neighbor got.

Mrs. Sarah Mitchell acted as a one-man reception committee, and if every one didn't meet every one it wasn't Mrs. Mitchell's fault. Refreshments were served by Mesdames Herdman, Jackson and Kassel, and were in keeping with the holiday season.

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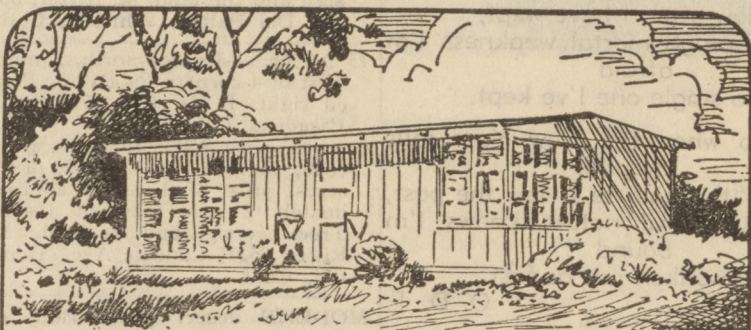
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